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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Fidel Holguin, 22, Beloit, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 87 months in prison for distribution of cocaine. Holguin pleaded guilty to this charge on September 4, 2008.

From February 2007 to January 2008, law enforcement agents conducted numerous controlled purchases of cocaine from Holguin. During a court-authorized wiretap of Holguin's telephones, agents intercepted scores of drug-related calls between Holguin and other individuals. In April 2008, agents executed a search warrant at the Holguin's residence and located a large amount of cocaine, \$10,000, and two firearms. Holguin admitted to agents that he sold large amounts of cocaine in the Beloit area.

The charges against Holguin were the result of an investigation conducted by Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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